

Ashbourne Church News 17/05/2026



Welcome to this Week's Newsletter

Church and Parish Office Opening Times

St Oswald's Church is open daily from 10am to 5pm

- *Bell Ringing Practice: Wednesday evenings from 19.30 to 21.00*
 - *Choir Practice: Friday evenings from 19.00 to 20.00*
-

The Parish Office is open

- *Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 to 12:00*
-

Telephone: 01335 343052

If you need a priest urgently, please call 01335 664159.

Pastoral Contact

If you would like to contact a member of the clergy team to discuss any pastoral matter please telephone 01335 664159.

Ministry Thought for the Week

Carrying Love and Compassion

As we approach Pentecost next Sunday, I have been reflecting on what it means to prepare our hearts afresh for the coming of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Pentecost is often described as the birthday of the Church — the moment in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and the Church began its mission in the world.

When Maggie first sent out the rota, I was genuinely looking forward to writing this week's ministry thought. I did not expect that, less than four weeks later, I would be writing from a place of such deep grief and loss. My sister died suddenly less than a week after celebrating her birthday, and just two days before mine. Since then, birthdays and celebrations have carried a very different weight in my heart.

As we prepare for Pentecost, we often think about the power, the rushing wind, the fire, and the boldness of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples. But before that moment, the disciples themselves were carrying grief, uncertainty, fear, and suffering. They had witnessed loss, persecution, confusion, and deep heartbreak. Yet God chose to meet them there — not after everything was resolved, but in the middle of their pain.

Jesus had already promised them in John 14:16–18 that they would not be left alone, and Pentecost became the fulfilment of that promise. The Holy Spirit came not only as a sign of power, but also as a reminder that God remains present with His people.

One thing grief has taught me in these past weeks is that pain and suffering often go unnoticed. Many people carry silent heartbreak behind smiles, celebrations, work, and everyday conversations. We may never fully know the burdens someone else is carrying. Scripture reminds us to “carry each other's burdens” (Galatians 6:2) and to “mourn with those who mourn” (Romans 12:15).

As we prepare ourselves for Pentecost, perhaps part of that preparation is asking God to open our eyes and our hearts to the hurting world around us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called not to become consumed only with our own lives, but to actively engage with those who are suffering. We are called to be people who notice, who listen, who comfort, who pray, and who walk alongside others in their pain.

In the same way that the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to go out into the world with compassion and courage, we too are called to bring God's presence into places of loneliness, grief, and struggle. 2 Corinthians 1:3–4 reminds us that God comforts us in our troubles so that we can comfort others.

Through every difficult moment, every tear, and every memory, I continue to learn that God is still near. Celebration may look different during times of grief, but God's faithfulness remains unchanged. Even in heartbreak, His Spirit reminds us that we are never alone — and neither is the hurting world around us.

So, as we prepare for Pentecost this coming week, I want to leave a simple challenge:

What can you do? Who around you may be carrying silent pain or grief that no one else sees? Perhaps it can be as simple as a phone call, a message, a prayer, a listening ear, or simply being present.

May we not only celebrate Pentecost as a moment in history, but begin preparing now to live it out — becoming people who carry the love, compassion, and presence of God into a hurting world.

Ash



What's New

Visioning Awayday Update

Thank you for your patience waiting for an update while I was off recovering from surgery. I'm very excited about the possibilities and energy that have come out of the Visioning Awayday. We started the day talking about the joys and challenges of a multi-parish benefice.

Some highlights from that discussion included the joys of :

- The warmth of welcome in all churches

- A variety is offered
- Greater use of resources
- The weekly team meeting with church wardens and clergy
- Reaching out to those on the edge of society

Some of the challenges listed included:

- The disparity in the relative sizes of the congregations
- Fellowship among congregations
- No common vision as a group of churches
- Too few people spread too thinly (but doing great things)
- Geographical distance

We then talked through our hopes for the future and how we might work together. Out of that discussion (and many flip charts of great ideas) came the [Proposed Strategy from Visioning Awayday](#) (2026-2027). There are some excellent ideas for the entire group as well as a few that would work well with certain individual churches. We'll plan to review this document in a year.

Thank you for all that you do to make these churches such welcoming places for visitors and tourists, and important places of worship serving our communities.

Church Vacancies

We have two vacant roles at St Oswald's.

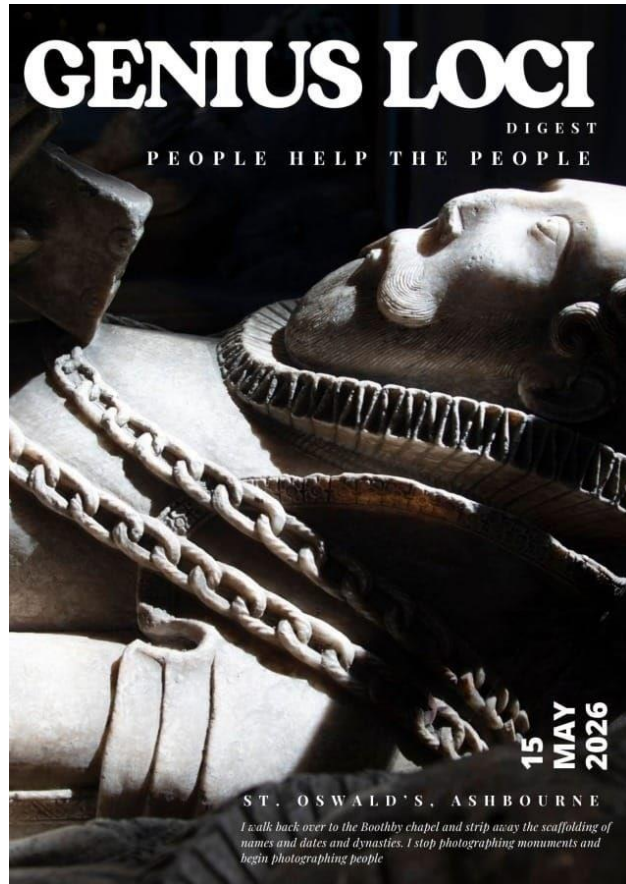
Could you volunteer to take Minutes at PCC meetings? Or become our Parish Safeguarding Officer? If either of these opportunities are of interest, please get in touch with the Parish Office for more details about either role.

Photography at St Oswald's

This week Andy Marshall, an Architectural and Heritage photographer, who specialises in church photography, came from Manchester to spend the day in church taking photographs, both with camera and drone. Andy provided his services for free, as part of Member Powered Photography, funded by subscribers to his [online membership site](#), which highlights projects that might otherwise be unseen.

You can see some of the photographs from his visit [here](#).

Andy talks a lot about *genius loci*, the spirit of place, and has a knack of seeing what others might miss. He brings a unique perspective to everything he photographs, as well as an encyclopedic knowledge of church history and architecture.



Music and Silence

Music & Silence

A singing workshop, 4-part harmony, no music-reading required. Followed by a time of Music and Silence, singing our learned songs, interspersed with silence. A thoughtful, reflective, beautiful event. Come to participate or just listen.

Led by singers from St Clement's Church Horsley.

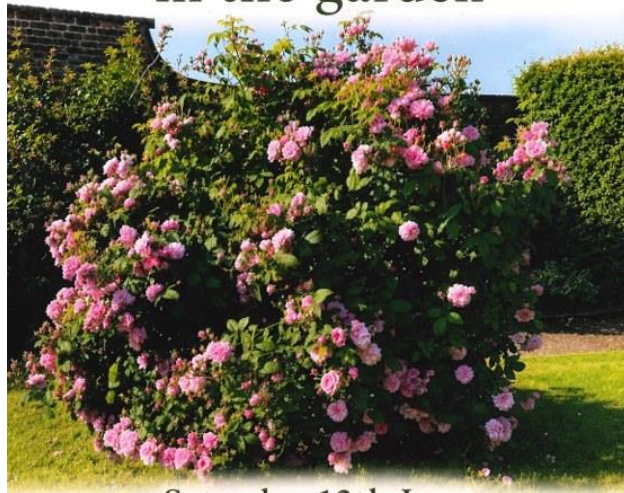
Free to attend. Donations towards upkeep of church building appreciated.

Tuesday 23 June 7pm
St. Oswald's Church, Ashbourne



Tea in the Garden

Please come for
Tea
in the garden



Saturday 13th June

2 - 5pm

At Norbury Hall, Norbury,
Ashbourne DE6 2EQ

In aid of St. Mary and St. Barlok's Church, Norbury

Please contact Clare Clowes | 07962 224633

Help support the work of St Francis Malawi Trust

The St Francis Malawi Trust is a registered charity (Charity No. 1148399), and 100% of all funds raised go directly to purchasing items on the ground — there are no administration fees.

Supporters of this initiative are excited to be returning to Malawi again in July 2026, and are now fundraising and collecting supplies for this next trip. We're incredibly grateful for any financial donations, and we're also collecting:

- Baby clothes
- Baby hats, blankets, and cardigans

Please leave any donations in the box located in the Edward Bear area in church.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference. Thank you so much for helping us support these children and communities.



Help Support Children in Malawi

**SUPPORTING SCHOOLS, CLINICS, AND FAMILIES
IN LILONGWE**

We are returning in July 2026 and need
your help.
100% of donations go directly to Malawi
(Registered Charity No. 1148399)



We are collecting:

- Sports equipment
- Baby clothes & nappies
- Children's clothing
- Footwear
- Medical supplies (no needles)
- Sanitary products
- Seeds
- Blankets & baby items



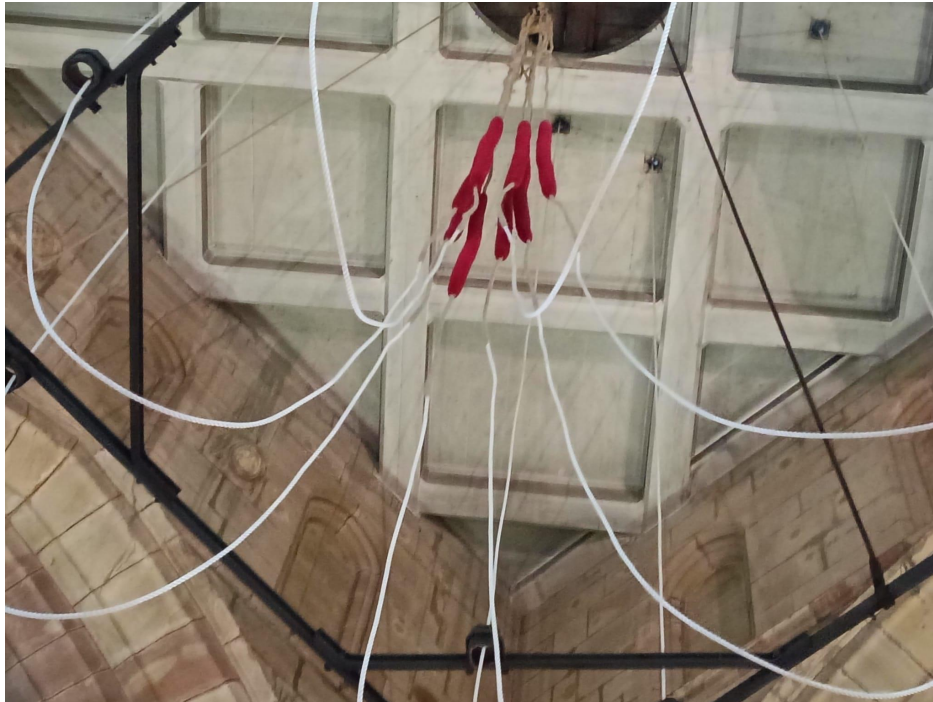
DONATE TODAY OR GET IN TOUCH
HANNAH.ELIZABETH.SMITH91@GOOGLEMAIL.COM

The New Bell Ropes

The new bell ropes are up and in use, thanks to the efforts of David, Jonathan, Andrew and Peter. We are currently working the stretch out of the ropes and you may see red fluff on the floor.

Hopefully, these ropes will see us ringing for at least the next 12 years.

Join the ringers for Bell Sunday and watch the bells ringing on the TV in the Edward Bear corner using the camera mounted in the belfry.



Anna Chaplaincy Update

I would like to share that I am now over halfway through my Anna Chaplaincy Training. My training is done via Zoom – online, and I am joined by 15 other trainees from all over the UK together with our trainer Katherine Froggatt from Hampshire.

It is a challenging and thought-provoking course, taking me on a precious journey, one that I pray will guide me along a path most suited to me and my personality/strengths, enabling me to grow in my thinking and be of service in our community.

Something to think about

When we're journeying through the first half of life, we may often think it will end when we have achieved our goals or climbed as high as we can. We may arrive at middle age believing that there is nowhere to go but down. Let us challenge these thoughts, rethink this perspective, shine a light on the idea that the end of our first path is not an ending, but a new beginning.

When we explore the second half of life, heartbreaks and disappointments experienced in the first half are stepping stones to the joys that the second has in store. (Richard Rohr).

Anna Chaplaincy Prayer

Faithful God, you have promised in Christ to be with us to the end of time. Come close to those who have lived long and experienced much. Help them to continue to be faithful and, within the all-age Kingdom of God, to find ways to go on giving and receiving your grace, day by day. For your glory and your kingdom.

Amen.

Lindsay Walker



Taking our faith and hope and love to people in Ashbourne

A few of us from the Ashbourne Churches are planning to start a Healing Room in the renewed Methodist Church. A Healing Room is a place and a time when Christian prayer ministry is available to anyone. e.g. Thursdays 4.30 to 6 at Costa, Chellaston. Ashbourne Churches Together Committee have given the idea an enthusiastic welcome.

Healing Rooms UK is a long-established umbrella organisation which has helped start up Healing Rooms in many towns, and which gives Guidelines and Training. [Home - The Healing Rooms](#) We will be overseen by them and by a local Board of Reference.

We will have a banner inviting people to come in to pray with someone for a friend or for themselves. In my experience as a Vicar and Prison Chaplain, not everyone receives healing but most are grateful for a touch of something, usually of peace.

Three of us are from St Oswald's, with three from other churches. We would love a few more people to join us. We will always have two people praying; one more comfortable with praying out loud, one more comfortable praying quietly. We will receive training from the National Healing Rooms and locally. Might you like to make yourself available to join us praying for others for their peace?

Contact Roger Harper-Allen for more details harperrog@gmail.com



Messy Church - 24th May

Join us in St Oswald's Church Hall for Messy Church on Sunday 24th May from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Messy Church is an all-age worshipping community that focuses on creativity, hospitality, and celebration. It offers a relaxed, hands-on way for families to explore Bible stories through crafts, games, and food, aiming to make faith accessible to everyone.

All are welcome!



Time: 4 - 6 p.m.
Place: St Oswald's
Church Hall

MESSY CHURCH **THIS SUNDAY**

Lots of fun activities,
stories and songs, and
refreshments.

Please join us – bring
the whole family!

(All children must be accompanied
by a responsible adult).



Could you Volunteer for Messy Church?

Would you like to volunteer to support Messy Church? Taking place once a month on the fourth Sunday from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., you could help with the activities or cooking and service food. No preparation required beforehand. Please speak to Ash Toombs or Dwayne if you would like to find out more.



St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail

19 members of St Oswald's (and 2 dogs) travelled to Helmsley to take on the St Alered's pilgrimage trail. We were based in 5 cottages in the area and travelled to the start daily. The weather was kind to us, with just one drizzly day; unfortunately, it chose the day we were on the Moor top.

On our journey we visited 9 churches in the area, all beautifully maintained in some very remote little villages. We started at All Saints Helmsley on day 1 heading for St Mary's East Moors, a remote church, only accessible, at one time, by horse - the Vicar would ride to the church on Saturday and sleep in a hammock in the south aisle, to be ready for Sunday service.

We also visited churches in Bilsdale, Hawnby, Old Byland, Scawston, Cold Kirby, Rievaulx and Sproxtun. The route was varied and stunning, the flowers beautiful with many bluebells and primroses, wood anemones and cowslips, we saw many birds and were lucky to see hares on the moors.

6 walkers, together with Jet, completed the entire walk completing all the daily sections. We celebrated the week with a meal out together at the Black Swan. A great week, great company and good friendships. Here's to the 2027 walk wherever it may take us!

We're collating [an album of photos](#) from the Trail on the website.





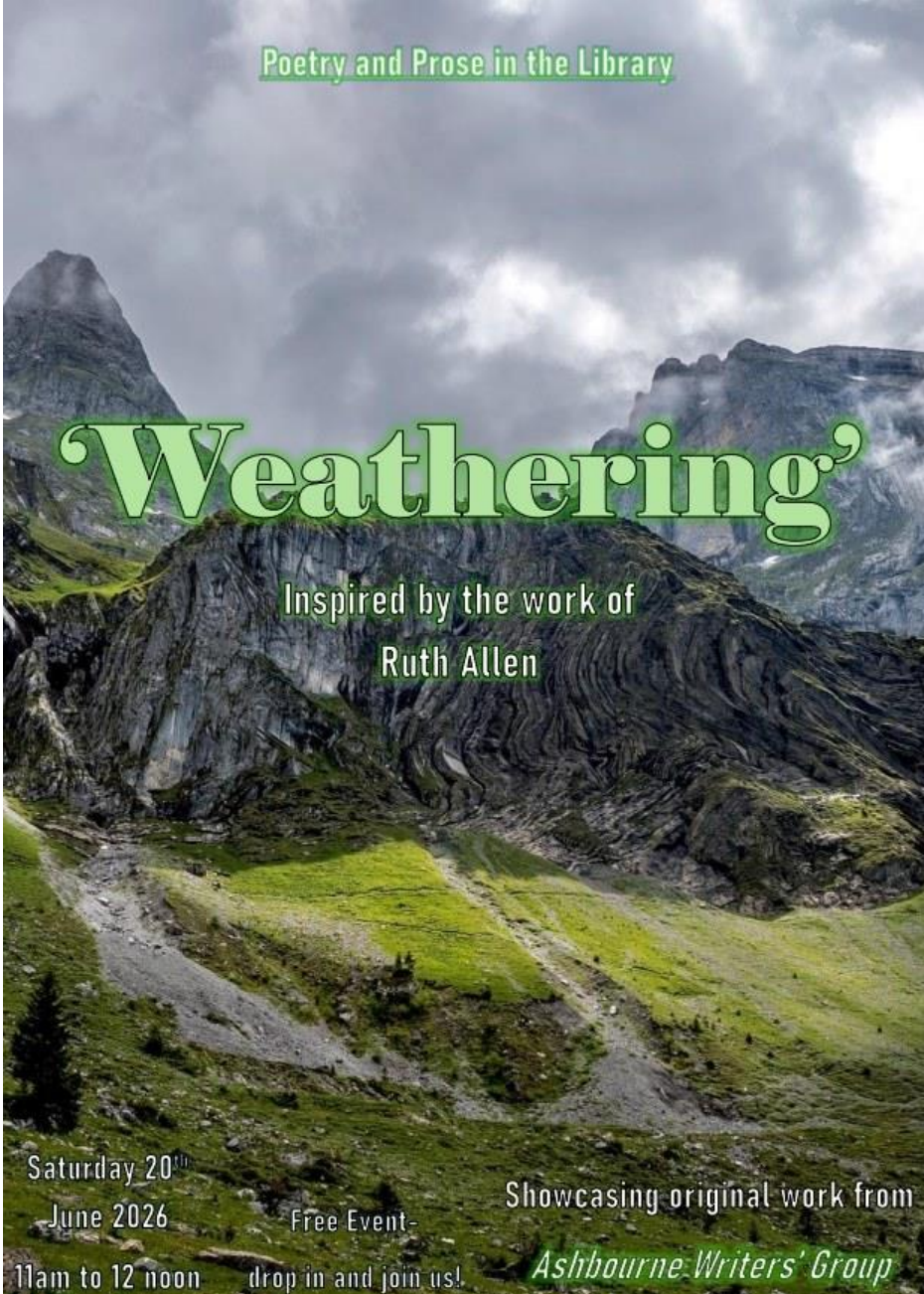








Ashbourne Writers Group - 20th June



Poetry and Prose in the Library

'Weathering'

Inspired by the work of
Ruth Allen

Saturday 20th
June 2026

Free Event -
11am to 12 noon drop in and join us!

Showcasing original work from
Ashbourne Writers' Group

Let's Picnic Together - 12th July



Thank you for all the offers of furniture!

We are extremely grateful for all the kind offers of furniture for our new curate, Rachel. The response has been phenomenal. We now have sufficient items being offered, and will be in touch soon to confirm what we can take. Please bear with us.

Rachel is enormously thankful for everyone's generosity and looks forward to meeting you all soon.

Bishop Francis from the Church of North India visiting on Sunday 12 July

The Ashbourne Churches Together (ACT) have an ecumenical partnership with the Diocese of Patna. Bishop Francis, their bishop, is joining us in July for two weeks. He'll be with us on Sunday 12 July and with Ashbourne Methodists on Sunday 19 July. The Church of North India (CNI) is a United Church formed when the Anglican, Methodist Baptist and Presbyterian Churches in North India joined together. CNI calls on a mixture of traditions from the joining Churches for its governance and its worship. More info to come soon as we look to actively relaunch St Oswald's involvement supporting the ACT – Patna partnership!

Hosting Diocesan Choral Festival

Plan to join us at Evensong on Sunday 14 June for the Diocesan Choral Festival with choirs from across the diocese, including the Derby Cathedral choirs, will be with us!

Christian Aid - Sponsoring Janet

Janet Wright has completed walking '70K in May'.

If you would like to sponsor her, please put your donation in a Christian Aid envelope found in church (Gift Aid if you can!), and place your filled envelope in the collecting box at the West Door.

Thank You!



Ticking off the Kilometers.....

Outside All Saints, Helmsley at the
end of St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail



Pilgrim Passport

 St Mary Magdalene's, East Moors	 St John's, Bilsdale	 All Saints, Helmsley
 All Saints, Old Byland	 St Mary, Cawton	 St Michaels, Cold Kirby
 St Mary the Virgin, Rievaulx	 St Chad's, Sproston	 All Saints, Helmsley
 St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail		

Rievaulx Abbey

29

65 K (41 miles) comp

Church Services, Readings and Music

Weekly Online Service

Weekly Online Service

Each week a recorded service is prepared which can be streamed from the church [YouTube channel](#).

Recorded Services

This week's recorded service can be downloaded using the following link:

[Morning Prayer from Holy Trinity](#)

Services

Find Services and Events in the Calendar

All of the Ashbourne Group of Churches services can be found on the website in the [Calendar](#). You can also see forthcoming events taking place in Church and in the Church Hall.

May Services

ASHBOURNE GROUP OF CHURCHES

Everyone is **WELCOME** at any of the Services in our Churches

Day		Time	Church	Service
	MAY			
Sunday	3rd	9.15	St John's Buxton Hill	Holy Communion
Easter 5		9.15	St Peter's, Snelston	Holy Communion
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		11.00	St Mary & St Barlock, Norbury	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	10th	9.00	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Breakfast Church
Easter 6		9.15	St Mary's, Mappleton	Holy Communion
		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Thursday	14th	19.00	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
Ascension				
Sunday	17th	9.15	St John's, Buxton Hill	Congregation Prayers
Easter 7		10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Choral Evensong
Sunday	24th	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
Pentecost		16:00	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Messy Church
		18.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Evensong
Sunday	31st	10.30	St Oswald's, Ashbourne	Holy Communion
Trinity		16.00	Holy Trinity, Clifton	Family Patronal

ON LINE SERVICES

Daily Morning & Evening Prayer and Sunday Morning Service available on :

ashbournechurch.org.uk

WEDDING and BAPTISM ENQUIRIES

Please call Parish Office on 01335 343052

PASTORAL CONTACT

To speak to a member of the Clergy call 01335 664159

Readings - 17th May: Easter 7

Morning Services

Ezekiel 36.24-28

Exiled with the Jews in Babylon, the prophet Ezekiel reassures the people that God will bring them back to their own land and put his Spirit within them.

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to

observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Acts 1.6-14

At the beginning of the book of Acts, Luke reminds his readers how Jesus had promised that God would send the Holy Spirit to the disciples when Jesus left them.

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17.1-11

At the end of Jesus's last meal with his disciples, John recorded Jesus's prayer to God asking for God's protection of them. This is sometimes known as the 'High Priestly Prayer.'

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in

them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Evensong

2 Samuel 23.1-5

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Please remember in your prayers this week

Those who are unable to be with us in church, including Diana & Edmund Urquhart, Linda Torr, Arthur and Barbara Williams.

Those who are ill, especially Graham Price, Pam Phillips, Reina Hammond and Neil Burns.

The recently bereaved, especially the relatives and friends of John Tomkinson, Frank Cheadle, Antony Stone and Jillian Cooper.

Areas of conflict: the Ukraine, the Middle East and too many others.

Our local churches.

Our Ministry Team: Dwayne, Maggie, Nigel & Lynda

Music for May at St Oswald's

MUSIC	FOR	May	2026	Year A
SUNDAY	3rd	5th Sunday of Easter	White	
10.30		449 God of mercy, God of grace 369 All people that on earth do dwell 538 O Jesus I have promised Like a candle flame/Kendrick 474 Immortal invisible God only wise 590 The kingdom is upon you	(20th C)	6.30 O come ye servants of the Lord/Tye 455 Guide me O thou great Redeemer Psalm 147 Mag and ND G 343 O perfect love Day by Day/How 11 As now the sun's declining rays
SUNDAY	10th	6th Sunday of Easter	White	Rogation Sunday
10.30		253 For the beauty of the earth 271 God whose farm is all creation 262 O Lord my God The Heavens declare the Creator's glory/Beethoven Seek ye first the kingdom of God 437 Go forth and tell! (Woodlands)		6.30 Grant we beseech Thee/Shaw 401 Come let us join our cheerful songs Psalm 36 vs 5-12 Mag and ND H 268 Timeless love! We sing the story The mountains shall bring peace/J Forbes L'Estrange 22 The day thou gavest
THURSDAY	14th	Ascension Day		
7.00		167 Hail the day 490 Jesus shall reign 163 All hail the power Rejoice the Lord is King/Archer 166 Crown him with many crowns		
SUNDAY	17th		White	
10.30		167 Hail the day 172 The head that once was crowned with thorns 163 All hail the power God is gone up/Croft 612 We have a gospel to proclaim 166 Crown him with many crowns	6.30	Choral Evensong Canticles; Murrill in E Responses; Sanders Rejoice the Lord is King/Archer 398 Christ triumphant Psalm 47 612 We have a gospel to proclaim O thou the central orb/Wood 163 All hail the power
SUNDAY	24th	PENTECOST/WHITSUN	Red	
10.30		192 On the day of Pentecost 383 Be still for the presence of the Lord... 176 Come gracious Spirit Come down O Love Divine/Harris 174 Breathe on me breath of God...tune Trentham 175 Come down O Love divine	6.30	Come Holy Ghost/T.Attwood 182 Gracious Spirit Holy Ghost Psalm 67 Mag and ND I 176 Come gracious Spirit Come down O Love Divine/Harris 184 Holy Spirit truth divine
SUNDAY	31st	TRINITY	White	
10.30		Little Organ Mass/Haydn 200 Affirm anew the threefold name 202 Holy Holy Holy 418 Father Lord of all creation Sanctus/F.Schubert 426 Firmly I believe 267 Thou whose almighty word	4.00	Clifton Patronal Festival Songs of Praise No evening service at St Oswald's

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 19th May @ 13:00 - Ossie's Potters
- Sunday 24th May @ 16:00 - Messy Church
- Tuesday 26th May @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- Wednesday 3rd June @ 10:00 - Carers Count
- Sunday 21st June @ 15:00 - New Curate Welcome Tea

Get Involved

- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

See [Forthcoming Events](#) on the website.

Rachel Knight, our new curate

All are invited to come and welcome the new curate, Rachel Knight, Sunday 21st June at 15.00 for a Welcome Tea at St Oswald's. (We will also need help with cakes, please)! She will be ordained at Derby Cathedral that morning at their 10.45am service. Please keep her in your prayers.



There are many men and women in our community who are caring for a loved one and it is very seldom realised just how little recognition they get for fulfilling such an important but lonely role.

If you, or someone you know, is caring for a loved one, for whatever reason, and would like the chance just to have somewhere you can have an hour or so respite with coffee and chat with people who understand the challenges you face daily, then come along to 'Carers Count'.

'Carers Count' meet on the first Wednesday of every month between 10am and 12 noon at St Oswald's Church Hall in School Lane, Ashbourne where you are assured of a warm welcome, a friendly face and a listening ear.

We work with Derbyshire Carers Association who give advice regarding practical support to which one might be entitled. They also support our meetings with the occasional special event.

For more information and to let us know that you would like to come along, then call Maggie or Nigel on 01335 664159



 Ashbourne Group
of Churches

JOIN US FOR
**BREAKFAST
CHURCH**
AT ST OSWALD'S, ASHBOURNE

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY FROM 09:00 - 09:45

Bacon butties, cereal, toast and
a short all age service

A warm welcome is awaiting you.

ashbournechurch.org.uk

V&A at Wedgwood

Thursday 25th June.

Coach outing to V&A at Wedgwood and then onto Trentham gardens for lunch. Stroll round the gardens, explore the lake and wire Fairies, take a trip down the lake on the boat or just sit and watch the world go by. Don't forget you can also look around the shopping village and explore the garden centre.

Coach will leave Ashbourne at 9.30 and return approx. 4.00.

Cost - £25 to include the coach and admission to Trentham gardens.

Please email gillianelliott@live.co.uk for a place.



**Thursday 25th June
Coach Outing to
V&A at Wedgewood**



**Continuing to
Trentham Gardens**



**The coach will leave Ashbourne at 9.30am
and return at approximately 4.00pm**

**Cost - £25 to include the coach and
admission to Trentham gardens**

**Please email gillianelliott@live.co.uk for a
place.**

Car Boot and Table Top Sale

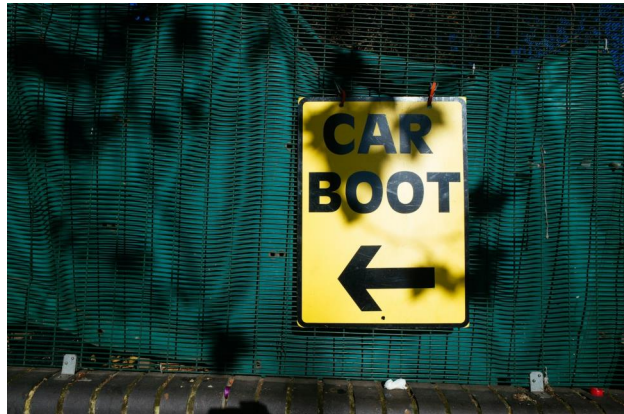
Saturday 4th July.

St Oswald's church hall and car park.

Car boot and table top sale.

More information to follow.

Please check the newsletter for further details.



Church Groups

Walking and Rambling with St Oswalds

St Oswald's has a choice of two walking groups.

The Ramblers group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, starts walking at 10.00am and covers approximately 5 miles.

The Walking group meets on the last Saturday of the month, starts walking at 9.30am and covers approximately 10 miles.

Ramblers Group Dates (All rambles start at 10 a.m.)

- Monday 8th June 2026

Walking Group Dates (All walks start at 9:30 a.m.)

- Saturday 30th May 2026

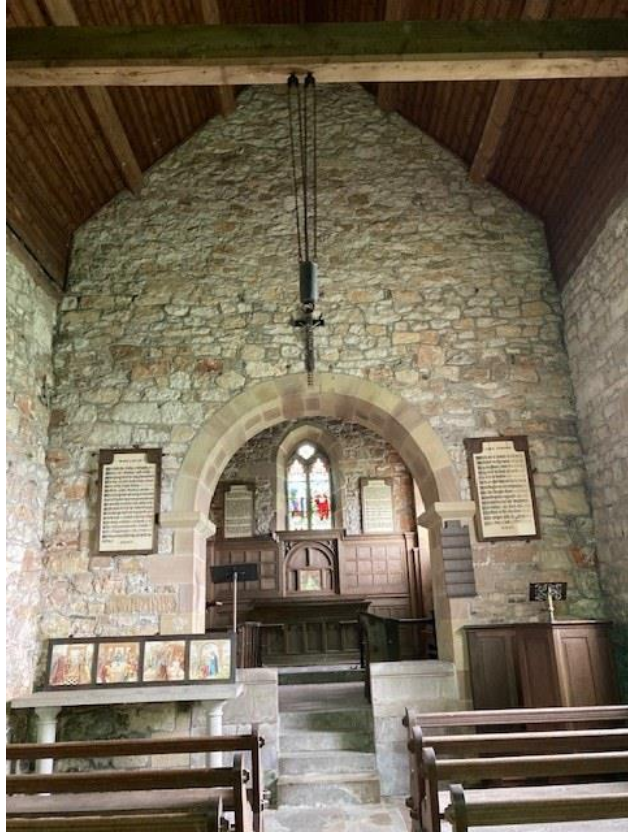
Gill

Email : paulgillelliott@outlook.com

Ramblers Report - May Walk

Starting from the village car park in Parwich, 6 ramblers set out along the Limestone Way heading towards Ballidon. We stopped to look inside the 13th century Ballidon church situated in a field on the hillside above the village. From Ballidon, we headed south to Bradbourne, the Thankful Village for a brief coffee stop. Continuing down towards Ballidon's Bradbourne Mill, we crossed the road and, after a short climb towards Tissington, we headed north back to Parwich.

A lovely walk using many paths that the group had not previously walked.





1 - Ballidon Church

Giving and Donations

Donate to St Oswald's

If you would like to set up a regular payment to St Oswald's Church then you can do so through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).. You can find out more information on [the PGS website](#) where you can also set up a regular payment.

Alternatively you can telephone the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1260 to set up a payment. (The PGS code for St Oswald's Church is 120612186).



Give a Little

St Oswald's church is open every day of the week. If you would like to make a donation to the work of St Oswald's Church you can do so from the [Give a Little website](#).



Easyfundraising

St Oswald's Church is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Since joining we have raised over £400, and that is with only 27 supporters.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page by [>> CLICKING HERE](#)



Safeguarding

Keeping People Safe

We are committed to ensuring that our church is a safe place for everyone and take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. We adhere to safeguarding rules laid down by the Church of England and the diocese of Derby.

Report a Safeguarding Concern: Protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of us all, whether they are in the communities in which we live or part of our Christian family. If you have a concern about a child, young person or adult who may be at risk of harm please speak to the parish safeguarding coordinator.

The contact details are:

Celia Dickinson, Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Mobile: 07754 883935

If you have concerns about a member of the clergy or an employee of the church please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding. To confidentially report a safeguarding concern please complete the [Safeguarding Concern Form](#) or call 01332 388678. You can also report any concerns to the Police or Social Care. The important thing is that your concerns are shared with someone in a position to help.

Footnotes

If you have any comments about this newsletter or wish to submit any material to be included, please email: parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk.

If you have not already subscribed to receive an email reminder when a new update to the newsletter is available, you can [subscribe here](#).

To keep up with the latest church news, please follow us on our [Facebook Page](#).

We now have a new [Instagram](#) account too.
